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Reader says Granite City is in need of more street workers rather than policemen.

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Madison probation plan alive

County Board may consider proposal

Madison County officials are pushing ahead with plans to open satellite probation offices in the Alton and Granite City areas.

Two weeks ago, a proposal to locate an office in the former Madison City Hall was stalled because of concerns about the condition of the building. At that time, the County Board's Buildings Committee voted against the Madison site 3-1.

Since then, the fifth member of the committee, Don Sonnenberg, D-Maryville, who was absent during the initial vote, said he supports the Madison site.

Sonnenberg, who is also the Maryville police chief, said in a written letter to the committee Monday that he saw no reason to doubt that the Madison site was sound.

He said that the decision is a sign of "whether we buy into the philosophy that the probation department should be out in the community."

The satellite offices would be used to check on convicted criminals who are either sentenced to probation or have just been released from prison.

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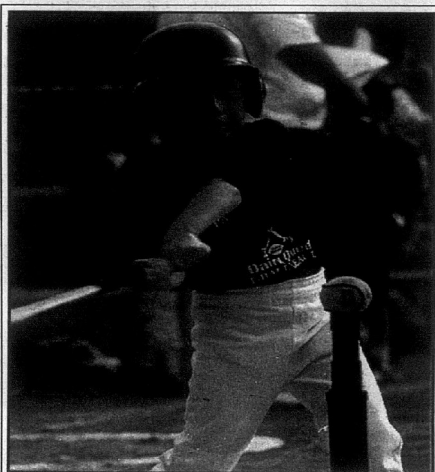
Race day festival set

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Granite City Police-men's Benevolent and Protective Association will conduct a downtown race day festival Friday and Saturday at 19th and Grand.

"Because of the Busch Grand National Race at Gateway International, there will be many visitors in our area that weekend," said Sgt. John Apperson, festival chairman. "We hope to attract some of them into Granite City by staging a fun-filled family event."

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Teed up — Above, Bobby Sharp, 6, of the Dairy Queen tee-ball league focuses all of his might into his attempt to get the big RBI in a game last week at Worthen Park. Below, Dean Cupin tries out the ball in play, while the opposing team's third baseman concentrates. Story, more photos on Page 5A.



U.S. budget bill worries hospital

Costello says alternative planned

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte) spoke Tuesday with administrators at St. Elizabeth Medical Center about a bill in Congress that would cut Medicare by \$115 billion and Medicaid by \$38 billion.

The bill was passed by the House as part of an amendment to balance the budget.

If it gains approval of the Senate and President Clinton, Costello said, it would mean that there would be no reimbursement funds given to hospitals for bills that Medicare and Medicaid patients are unable to pay.

Each year, hospitals that have large numbers of Medicare and Medicaid patients receive a Disproportionate Share Hospital Payment, which pays the difference of these bills, said Ted Eilerman, president and chief executive of St. Elizabeth. That would no longer be available, he said.

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Hospital president

"Both the Senate and the House want to pass this," he said. "East St. Louis, Alton — most hospitals in this district — would be affected in some way."

Costello said he voted against the bill. He said he is a member of a House committee that is meeting to create another bill that would not have drastic cuts in Medicare and Medicaid.

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Police: 'We don't tolerate hate crimes'

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

A Pontoon Beach woman is angry about the recent hate crime involving two Granite City teenagers who were arrested after allegedly threatening a 45-year-old Oriental man and yelling crude insults him.

"It is so absurd that they (the teenagers) think the police can dictate who can and can't move into a neighborhood," Rose Young-Stewart said.

Young-Stewart was referring to alleged remarks the teenagers — 17-year-old Timothy Harper of 2302 W. 23rd and a 15-year-old juvenile — made to a Granite City police officer who had driven to Richard Cheung's home in Granite City to protect him.

While the officer was there, the juvenile told him he wasn't doing his job because police were allowing blacks and Chinese to move into

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— Rose Young-Stewart

their neighborhood, police reports said.

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Construction to begin soon on Dial facility

Dial Corp. confirmed Tuesday that construction of a \$24 million, 812,000-square-foot warehouse — expected to bring 300 to 400 permanent jobs to the area — will begin in two weeks.

The warehouse — a regional, high-speed distribution center on 45 acres — is expected to be the first of many such buildings in the new Gateway Commerce Center near Interstates 270 and 255 and Illinois Route 111.

Chicago developers CentrePoint Properties Inc. will construct the facility and lease it to Dial.

"We signed the lease with Dial yesterday (Monday)," said CentrePoint vice president Robert L. Athey.

Dial spokeswoman Ann Adams and Thomas Development Inc. of St. Louis, which is developing the industrial park, both confirmed the signing, ending months of local speculation

"It's the culmination of effort by a lot of people."

— Rudy Papa
Board chairman

and rumors. Sources said Dial was looking at the site in February, but

Dial at that time said no decision had been made.

Adams said the employees at the warehouse will not be Dial employees. Instead, Dial will contract with another company to run the warehouse. The warehouse also is expected to produce 100 to 125 temporary construction jobs.

The warehouse will store and distribute Dial's international product

line, including personal hygiene items, detergent, air freshener and non-perishable food products.

Madison County officials have been working with developers at the site for more than a year. Other tenants are expected in the next few years.

"I think that's very exciting news for the citizens of Madison County. It's the culmination of effort by a lot

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5-DAY FORECAST

John Fuller, Meteorologist KSOP-TV/10.1

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Faces



Tomea Kirchoff

The Sisterhood of the Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church named member Tomea Kirchoff "Mother of the Year."

In honor of the occasion, president Georgia Kirchoff presented flowers to Kirchoff, and said Kirchoff "has won the love, admiration and respect of everyone. She came to America as a child from Aegean Macedonia, integrated into the American society and yet, maintained a strong sense of her rich Macedonian heritage. Kirchoff is active in many community and civic activities. She also was given a plaque for her many years of service and was the first president of the Sisterhood."

Council OKs funds for hiring

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

In a last-minute amendment to the budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year, the Granite City Council Tuesday added funds for an employee in City Clerk Judy Whitaker's office.

The council then gave final approval to the amended budget, with projected spending totaling \$14,184,517. Even with the \$25,000 added for the employee, the budget projects a surplus of more than \$86,000.

Whitaker said she needed the employee for a couple of rea-

Signs debated, Page 2A

sons: two of her current employees will be out later this year for medical reasons, and the department is lacking a huge task of entering city records into the new computer system.

Since January, employees have been typing in business licenses. The new budget includes a document scanner that will allow the city clerk's office to begin entering things

(See HIRING, Page 9A)

NEWS

Child safety signs: Worth the cost?

Council OKs 8 signs amid questions

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

The Granite City Council approved the placement of "Children at Play" signs at eight locations on Tuesday.

But some officials wondered about the effectiveness of the signs and whether there should be criteria for where they are placed.

The council approved the signs on an 8-2 vote, with Aldermen Craig Tarpoff and Nick Petrillo voting "no." The signs are to be placed at 2701 W. 22nd St., 2702 Harding, 2702 Roosevelt, Rock Road and Division, 2208 Nevada Ave., 2508 W. 23rd St., 2450 Stafford Lane and 322 W. Pontoon.

Traffic and Lights Committee Chairman Lurton Pulley initially moved for approval of the signs "at various locations." He said the signs had been requested by residents, including several by Neighborhood Watch groups.

Tarpoff requested that Pulley read the list of locations before the vote. After the signs were approved, he said he feared the council had opened a can of worms — he said he could request a sign on virtually every street and intersection in his ward, and estimated the cost of installing each sign at \$125.

"This is absurd," Tarpoff said. "In residential areas, on every corner, on every street there are children at play. We just spent \$1,000 to put up signs, and I question if this is going to do a darn bit of good."

Petrillo voiced similar sentiments. He prefaced his "no" vote by saying "I love kids as much as anyone." But he

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Alderman

agreed that the signs could be placed almost anywhere and wondered about their effectiveness.

"Why not just put one up at each entrance to town?" he said.

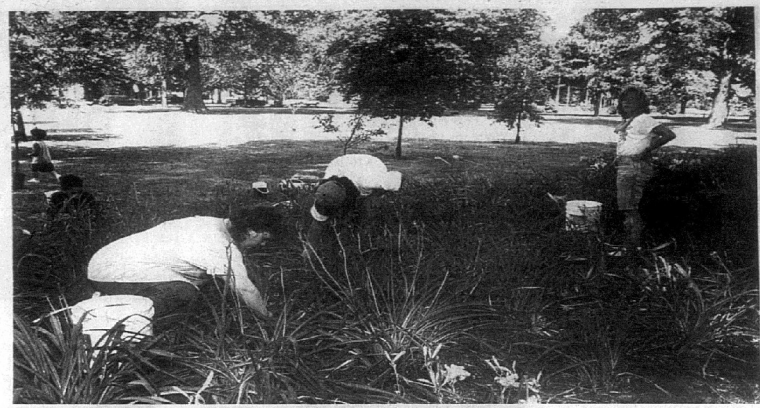
Mayor Ron Selph, a former police officer, and Chief Dave Ruebhausen both said they had little confidence in the effectiveness of the signs.

"I do happen to agree with Alderman Tarpoff that 'children at play' signs, people who are driving in excess (of the speed limit) or recklessly, by the time they see those signs, whatever good they might have done is over," Ruebhausen said.

Alderman Casmer Skubish, on the other hand, said the signs are worth the cost if they save one child.

"What cost do you put on a life?" he said.

Ruebhausen added that two new police officers included in the budget for the new fiscal year will allow the police department to focus on areas where motorists are causing safety problems through things like speeding or running stop signs.



Cleanup — Above, Sharon Ferris, left, Kaili Leith, 10, and Patricia Warchol remove weeds from one of the beds of daylilies in Wilson Park. They were participating in one of several community service projects sponsored by the Granite City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints last weekend. At left, Faith Yurcin, 14, pours a cup of water for Tyler Cochran, 3. Below, Sharon Ferris double checks a patch which is nearly finished. Church members also helped clean up area highways and an elderly person's home and knitted quilts for nursing home residents.



Air quality warning is lifted — for now

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

An unhealthy air quality resulted in warnings in the last week from public health officials.

Harmful air quality conditions prompted the issuance Thursday of an Environmental Protection Agency rating of "Unhealthy Air Quality," according to the American Lung Association of Eastern Missouri.

But the warnings were lifted this week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the air quality was listed as good.

The rating indicates unhealthy air pollution levels have been exceeded and residents should take cautionary measures to avoid exposure, while limiting activities which contribute to pollution.

Mark Bishop, program director of Environmental Lung Health for ALAEM, said this is just about the time of the year when such warnings are given out.

"This is not early. So far this year, we've had a very favorable season," Bishop said. "It has just changed in the past couple of days. This is the

prime of the ozone season."

On Thursday, July 17, the area exceeded the healthy air quality rating for the first time this year. On Monday, a Yellow Air Quality Forecast was listed.

Bishop said weather conditions can change the forecast.

"With rain, (the forecast) can be canceled. With additional heat, it can exceed (the healthy air quality standards)," he said.

By dialing 257-6265, residents can receive the projected Air Quality Forecast of either Green, Yellow, or Red.

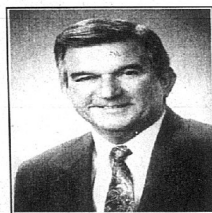
A Red forecast means the outdoor air conditions are poor and can be unhealthy to breathe. Yellow means the air quality is problematic and deteriorating, while a Green forecast means the air quality is in good condition.

The ALAEM urges residents to postpone the use of gasoline powered lawn mowers, liquid flammables, solvents or lighter fluids to help decrease the ground level ozone concentrations. All of the above contribute to the raising of the ozone concentrations.

High Power offers concert

The gospel group Higher Power will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at the Peach Church, 2216 Charles, Granite City.

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Staff writer

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Fugitive arrested after chase through city

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

After leading a police officer on a chase through side streets in Granite City with speeds up to 60 mph, a 22-year-old fugitive living in Granite City was arrested, according to police reports.

The fugitive, Mark Koenig, of 2579 Madison Ave., was wanted in Jefferson County, Mo., for possession of a controlled substance, which is a felony, police said.

The officer who caught him added eight more charges to his arrest record, which included squealing tires; aggravated attempt to flee and elude a police officer; driving an uninsured vehicle; driving with a suspended license; speeding 60 mph in a 30-mph zone; failure to stop at seven stop signs; failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident; and improper use of registration, the reports said.

He is being held in the Granite City Jail on \$50,000 bond, pending extradition to Missouri, police said.

According to the reports, Koenig caught the attention of the officer who apprehended him early Sunday when he allegedly squealed his tires. The officer, who saw him in the 2500 block of East 24th Street, then began chasing him.

Koenig, the officer said, sped through a stop sign at the intersection of East 24th and Henry. He then turned left onto Edwards at August, turning the stop sign at that intersection.

The chase continued, until he led the officer east on 23rd Street, driving at a speed of 60 mph, the officer said.

Koenig then attempted to drive north on Kate and lost control of his car — a green two-door 1979 Chevy Monte Carlo, the officer said. The car spun around, bounced over a curb and crashed into a street sign.

At that point, the officer said, Koenig exited the car, and he was arrested.

A computer revealed that Koenig had a suspended Illinois drivers

license for outstanding traffic warrants and that the license plates on the car belonged to Jason Lamb of Greenville, Ill., police reports said.

It also revealed he was wanted in Missouri on a felony for drug possession, the reports said.

According to the reports, Koenig told the arresting officer that he was in the process of buying the car from his sister, and that he had "borrowed" the plates from Lamb.

Papa pushes MetroLink vote

Proposal would increase sales tax to finance county extension

Madison County Board members will soon decide whether a proposed sales tax to fund local MetroLink routes is put before voters.

However, officials still are not offering any information about possible routes or cost estimates.

Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, has been pushing for a November referendum on the proposed half-cent sales tax since April.

Papa intends to seek full board approval of the referendum at the Aug. 20 regular meeting. He said discussion will start soon among members of the Highway and Finance committees.

"Presently, discussion will start with the highway committee. I'm optimistic that it will pass the voters if offered to them," Papa said.

The measure will have to get past Don Rea, D-Granite City, the chairman of the five-member Highway Committee.

"I cannot support a new tax for something that may not even be built in my lifetime," Rea said.

The County Board voted to investigate MetroLink options

in December. Papa said he has been impressed with recent studies by the county's Long Range Transportation Plan that show support for MetroLink among some segments of the population.

He advocates the sales tax, which would supplement the quarter-cent sales tax already in place for the Madison County Transit District.

District executive director Jerry Kane declined Monday to provide information about cost estimates, route alternatives and the proposed tax.

Papa said he believes there are three probable corridors for MetroLink in Madison County: along Illinois Route 3 north to the River Bend, along Interstate 55/70 to Collinsville, and from Granite City to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The current sales tax rate in Madison County is \$6.25 per \$100 purchase. Five dollars goes to the state, while \$1.25 goes to the county.

— From The Telegraph

Music Fete: Toe tappin' good time

By Jason White
Staff writer

A thousand toes will be a-tappin' come Sunday, when the sixth annual Old Time Music Fete stamps on the grounds of the historic Cahokia Courthouse porch.

The festival, also known as America's No. 1 Porch Music Festival, is a chance for acoustic musicians to get together, play for the public and engage in impromptu jam sessions, event organizer Molly McKenzie said.

"It's a rendezvous for performers to come in, play with each other and meet new people," McKenzie said. "A lot of the groups that are playing the hit venues now are groups that met here."

The one condition is that all groups must be acoustic, McKenzie said. "All the musicians are unplugged," she said.

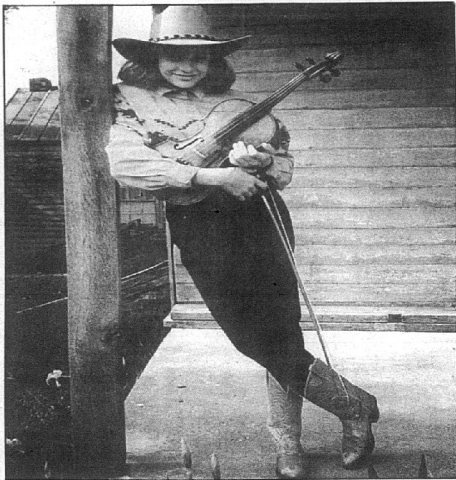
The only plugged-in aspect of the fete is a sound system and mixing board to make sure the sound translates to the 1,500 visitors, mostly from Missouri and Illinois, expected for the festival.

"There's really a good quality sound to it," McKenzie said.

This year, the event received overwhelming response from local acoustic groups — in fact, the stage was booked by the middle of June. "That's never happened before," McKenzie said.

There is now a waiting list for back-up groups that will play if one of the scheduled groups cannot make it.

Headlining the show will be 12-year-old fiddling prodigy Katie Kerkover of Rockwood, Ill., and her band, Rockwood Junction. Kerkover, who started playing the classical violin at age 4, will perform in the near future at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.



(Staff photo by JASON WHITE)

Fiddler Katie Kerkover, 12, of Rockwood, Ill., will be headlining the sixth annual Old Time Music Fete at Cahokia Courthouse on Sunday. Kerkover started playing classical violin at age 4.

In addition to the main stage, a 'jam session' area will be available for musicians of all ages and talents to play.

"There's a good variety and diversity of talent,"

McKenzie said.

Another section of the courthouse grounds will be available for children's activities, including kite-making and puppet shows. Food and drink will be

available. Coolers are not allowed, and visitors should bring lawn chairs.

The following groups will be performing on the porch stage:

✓ Noon — O'Fallon Folk, a trio from O'Fallon, Ill., will play ballads and traditional folk music.

✓ 12:30 p.m. — Tawn Sauk, a quartet from St. Louis, will feature a fiddle, banjo, musical saw and a female vocalist.

✓ 1 p.m. — John Pavlik and Friends, a trio from Edwardsville, Ill., will perform a variety of traditional music.

✓ 1:30 p.m. — Friends and Neighbors, a quartet from St. Louis, will play traditional bluegrass and old-timey country favorites.

✓ 2 p.m. — Boney Goat, a trio from St. Louis, will perform old-time country and 'ho-down' music.

✓ 2:30 p.m. — Ray Gude and Friends, a trio from Kirkwood, Mo., will perform bluegrass, folk and gospel tunes.

✓ 3 p.m. — Light Steppin' Boys, a quintet from Belleville/Mascoutah, will perform traditional bluegrass.

✓ 3:30 p.m. — Friends of Bluegrass, a trio from O'Fallon, Ill., features local renowned bluegrass performers George and Kathy Portz.

✓ 4 p.m. — Smoke House All-Stars, a quintet from St. Louis, will play traditional old-timey country, blues and bluegrass.

✓ 4:30 p.m. — Oak Hill, a trio from Collinsville, Ill., will play bluegrass and traditional tunes.

✓ 5 p.m. — Fiddlin' Katie Kerkover and the Rockwood Junction, a quartet from Rockwood, Ill., will perform until 6 p.m.

For more information, call Molly McKenzie at 332-1782.

Reserves to help Scouts

GODFREY — Army Reserve and National Guard members will help area Boy Scouts bridge a gap.

"We just really appreciate their help," said Mel Bliss, Piassa Bird district executive from Trail West Council.

In a few weeks, Bliss said the military groups will install a portable metal bridge across a hole in the dam over their dry lake. The bridge will allow Scouts to travel from one side of the camp to the other more conveniently.

"Without it, it puts us in a predicament," Bliss said. "Right now, we have a temporary road down below the

dam."

Bliss said during really hard rain, the road washes away, making it more difficult to go from one side of camp to the other.

The construction of a golf course and homes in the area nine years ago caused top soil to fall into the creek leading to the state's accumulation of sediment led to eventual burying of the lake.

"It left us about a foot and a half of water to canoe in and that didn't cut it," he said. "A hole was cut in the dam with the intent to clean the dirt out of the dry lake."

— From The Telegraph

Coach remembers soldier

Triad High School graduate is killed in Bosnia truck mishap

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

Those who knew Collinsville resident Jeremy Brown described him as an energetic young man who never met a stranger.

Brown, 22, a 1995 graduate of Triad High School in Troy, died Tuesday, July 15, in a truck accident in Bosnia. He was stationed there in the U.S.

"The kids really enjoyed having him around, and it was a real positive experience to work with him."

— Mike Moore
Coach

Army.

"He grew on you as a young man," said Mike Moore, Brown's track coach at Triad. "The kids really enjoyed having him around, and it was a real positive experience to

work with him."

Moore said Brown made the all-time top 10 list in track and won several major events while at Triad.

"I have nothing but the fondest memories of him," Moore

said. "He was a real leader of our team."

Military officials have released little information on the accident. All that is known is that Brown was one of several soldiers riding in a truck that went off a steep slope and overturned into a ravine.

The exact location of the accident and the number of people who were injured have not been released.

Russ Witzig was Brown's wrestling coach at Triad for a few weeks during Brown's senior year. He said he enjoyed the time he knew him.

"He'd talk to just about anyone," Witzig said.

Brown planned to become a military police officer and then an instructor. He was engaged to marry Helle Holm of Oslo, Norway, a woman he met overseas.

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More street workers

My call is concerning the city of Granite City. I'm reading in the Press-Record the fact that we are hiring two new policemen. I believe our police department is fine and I don't doubt that we need two more policemen, but I'm also concerned about Century Drive. When's the last time a citizen of Granite City drove down Century Drive without falling in potholes. I think maybe we need two or three more street department employees also, and get Century Drive fixed.

Great road work

I was calling to say bravo to the Collinsville Street Department. This year I couldn't help but noticing, and a few other people, what a great job they did when they oiled and rocked the roads. They were extra generous with the rock this year. I couldn't help but notice that, living in Collinsville my whole life, that they did an outstanding job and that extra rock made all the difference. I've never seen such a great job and I just wanted to say thank you, keep up the good work!

No sweat

The original Edwardsville YMCA consisted of an Olympic sized swimming pool and eight showers for each of the two dressing rooms. Its membership was about 400.

Now after three expansions, including a \$1 million expansion, the facility will house a full size gymnasium, two racquetball courts, a fitness center, weight room, aerobics room and a second pool. Membership, however has increased to 8,000 and and would you believe its members will still be faced with using the same shower facilities that were intended for a membership of 400?

I am an active member, using the Y about every day. I have rarely seen any members of the board of directors at the facility, let alone observe them use any of the fitness center, racquetball courts or anything else that may cause them to sweat. With this in mind, I can understand why this expansion included in its budget plan an expanded main office area, a conference room and meeting room, but no shower improvements. No sweat, no showers needed.

Rather strange

I think its rather strange that woman (Chancellor Nancy Belck) is leaving STU-Edwardsville to go to Omaha just after Gov. Edgar granted them a grant for expansion.

Recycle or else

I'm calling from Granite City. We have to recycle, it's mandatory, they gave us the bins. It's amazing on our street there's only three or four people who recycle every week. We have two containers every week. Three or four people on the whole block recycle; the rest of them don't get in trouble or fines for not recycling. Then when you do recycle, if there's something in the recycling bin that the trash company won't take, they just throw it on the sidewalk. I think this recycling thing needs to be looked into, and it should be mandatory. If you don't do it, you get fined.

Time for a change

The city manager form of government compares to someone coming in your house, makes all the decisions then gives you the bills to pay at the end of the month. Our elected officials do not have the authority to represent residents as with other forms of government. It is time for a change.

People on various commissions in Collinsville need to realize elected officials represent all residents. How much time are elected officials supposed to devote to the selected individuals with their projects?

Judy DeMoisy and employees should show respect to Mayor Kutzera on the podium. Comments and opinions of Irene Brooks, Collinsville. Please use my name.

A personal vendetta?

Seems to me the same people writing letters to the newspaper against (Collinsville) Councilman Koonce, from the same group of people pleading at City Council meetings for the historic preservation ordinance, and all are involved in the Downtown Development Commission. Is this a personal vendetta that they may have going on? Consider what I've heard of the group, a lot of business owners and volunteers, I'm surprised Koonce didn't miss more than two meetings of the Downtown Development Commission. From what I've read and heard, these people are the type that would try to take over the group. Before I pass judgement on Koonce, I want to hear his response to the newspaper articles alluding to the DDC and money.

CAROL'S COMMENTS

A real fate worse than death

There's a Victorian catchphrase which, in it's day, evoked a mental image of an innocent young woman, seduced and abandoned by some charming fellow, and then left to fend for herself. I've heard of a "fate worse than death," and I think I know what they mean. I've heard of a "fate worse than death," and I think I know what they mean. I've heard of a "fate worse than death," and I think I know what they mean.



Carol Clarkin

I suppose everyone has his own perception of what would constitute such a fate and every spring, I glimpse a living example of what it would be for me, when I spend a weekend with my sole living aunt. Now 98 and still living independently, about six years ago, she began losing her sight. She's always had an alert intelligence and still does, and unfortunately, her health is, aside from the loss of sight, good. This year, her parting words were, "Well, honey, I hope you won't be coming back to Lafayette next year. I think I've overstayed my leave." I understand exactly where she's coming from. Here's (in both her opinion and mine) a fate worse than death. In her youth playing a mean game of tennis, a life-long golfer, she was still walking 18 holes into her late 70s. A

sharp bridge and poker player. All out of the question now of course, but her greatest loss is that she can no longer read and, like everyone in my family, reading has been an addiction since early childhood. Books on tape, she tells me, are "better than nothing, but, honey," it's not the same thing. Three years ago, results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress reading tests showed that 41 percent of fourth grade kids and 31 percent of those in eighth grade were reading below grade level and in a more recent study, indications in the St. Louis schools are that one in five elementary school kids and two of three students in middle school are reading below grade level. This, I should think, ought to be unacceptable not only to those in the teaching profession but also to the parents of those children. The

figures vary from one district to another, of course, but all would seem dismaying to me. Not that educators aren't fighting the good fight and on my own memory, some of their recent suggestions have considerable merit. Especially their stress on what parents can do to improve their children's reading abilities, most of which deal with what, in my own memory, was simply, taken-for-granted common sense. Read yourself and read aloud to your child. Take the kids to the public library at least once every couple of weeks. Most public libraries in the area have special summer reading programs. Use them. Begin reading to your child as early as possible and if you feel the need, consult your librarian in the children's section for recommendations. Buy books, for yourself as well as the kids. It's money well spent. Set time limitations for their television viewing and enforce them. It's really not all that difficult to get kids hooked on reading and the rewards, for them at least, will not be limited to improved grades but will provide them with a pleasure and with a kind of luck, will last a lifetime. Thanks to both my parents'

who read aloud to my brother and myself early on, both Guy and I could read, at least on a limited basis, before we started school. And were frustrated because we were still unable on our own, to read some of the books which had been read to us. They bought us books as gifts, as did the aforementioned aunt, and one of our grandmothers gave us yearly subscriptions to monthly children's magazines by the time we were, respectively, five. No one every censored our reading, either, and by the time we'd reached adolescence, we'd more or less instinctively learned to differentiate between trash and worthwhile reading material, though our tastes were different. To this day, it makes me nervous to find myself without something handy to read. I take books on vacation, just in case I might have to resort to a Gideon Bible or a local public library. In my book, the loss of the capability of reading to oneself spells a fate worse than death. The defloration of the pathetic Victorian maiden can't hold a candle to it.

Carol Clarkin is a retired newspaper reporter living in Edwardsville.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will the circus continue?

TO THE EDITOR: Although I no longer live in Pontoon Beason, I am interested in the village and believe in my strong opinions about the police department. Unless a change is made in its chief's position, I believe the circus will continue to suffer.

DAN HORTON
Benton

We join hands with the killers

TO THE EDITOR: I don't think the "killer of children" had this in mind when he asked the question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" No, I suppose he had other occupations swimming around in his juvenile brain. But somewhere along the line, for reasons unknown, his values twisted. His morality molded. His clear thinking, common sense, clouded. And so, in Oklahoma City, the young innocent babies died. In fact, they continue to die. For you see, I write not of Timothy

McVeigh, but rather of the local abortion provider. Remember, more babies are murdered in the Granite City clinic each week than died in the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The jury has rightly judged Tim McVeigh guilty and deserving of death. The same sentence now falls on us. For we like he heartily join hands with the killers of the innocent.

ROBERT P. EDWARDS
Granite City

Cueto efforts nothing new

TO THE EDITOR: Fourteen years ago, when I was the Madison County state's attorney, I was investigating political corruption in our government. Amiel Cueto had financial links to some suspects in the investigation. He used the criminal justice system to charge me with a "crime" and derailed the investigation. The "crime" was subsequently determined by Judge Howard Lee White to be not a "crime," but my lawful duty as a prosecutor. I continued to fight against Cueto's malevolent political influence all these years. My reward for this was to have

my good name forever linked with the words "feud" and "controversial." A prophet is often without honor in his own land.

DON WEBER
Collinsville

Children get wrong message

TO THE EDITOR: I am appalled at the behavior of some parents who attend their children's sports events. Parents are supposed to be the adults; the children should be able to learn by their example.

Last Saturday morning, I attended my daughter's softball game. One of the parents for our team began butting in where he should not and giving directions.

Please keep in mind that our team has three coaches who are perfectly capable of managing. However, this parent obviously thought he knew more than the coaches and continued to interfere. He was asked to sit down, but he continued to harass and insult the coaches.

One of our coaches is an elderly gentleman who spends a lot of time with the girls. This parent showed no respect for the him whatsoever. How can we expect our children to respect their elders when people like this so-called adult set a horrible example?

Not to mention, the players were having a hard time concentrating on the game with all of the commotion going on. At the end of the game, the elderly gentleman reported that he probably will not return to coach. A bunch of

forlorn little ballplayers walked out of the park on Saturday. They love their coach and do not want to lose him. But it is understandable. Why should he have to put up with harassment, especially from one of our own player's parents?

What has happened to cooperation and sportsmanship? How can our children learn about good sportsmanship when their parents cannot even display it toward our own coaches?

My daughter cried all day Saturday. She does not want to lose her coach, and the great spirit of the game has been tarnished by this stupid display of ignorance. We hope our coach will return.

If you cannot respect the players and their managers, don't come to the games.

LISA A. GREEN
Granite City

America not like it was

TO THE EDITOR: America is not like it used to be, we no longer live in the "Land of the Free!"

The poor people can't get anything done, but let the rich people step in and do their victory is won!

You look for justice all around; if you don't have any money, it will never be found! The freedom of speech was taken away; America, we will get it back someday!

What I'm speaking is really true. It's happened to me; has it happened to you?

JANICE JOHNSON
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At right, Tee-ball order. Below, Jon on-deck circle.



By Patrick C. H. Staff writer

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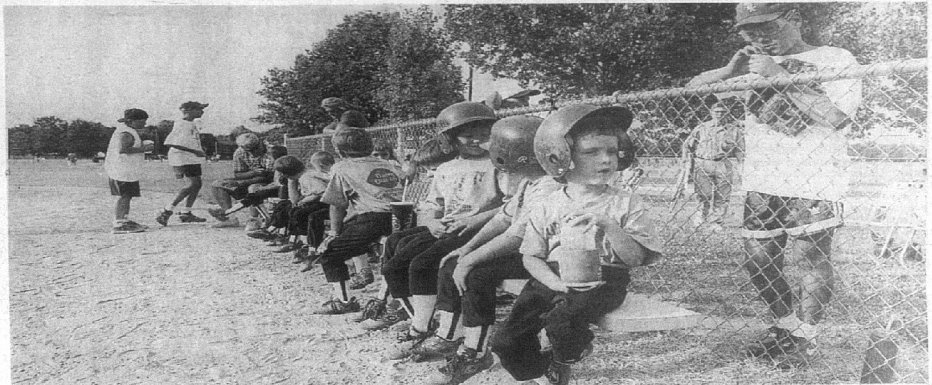
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At right, Tee-ball players sit on the bench in their batting order. Below, Joey Timco takes a practice swing in the on-deck circle.



PLAY (Tee) BALL!

If you can't have fun at a Tee-ball game, you don't know how to have fun at all.

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Dairy Queen Tee-ball league is a cool treat for six-year-olds who are playing organized baseball for the first time.

Tee-ball is played with 10 defensive players — four outfielders, four infielders, a catcher and a pitcher — though the designated pitcher never actually "pitches" anything. Instead, the batters hit a stationary ball that sits atop a three foot "tee." The defensive team's coaches are stationed at key spots on the field, verbally directing their players where to position themselves and where to make the throw.

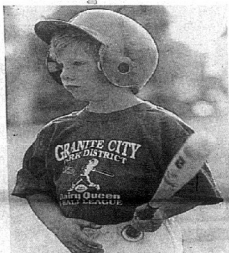
Every player on the offensive team bats each inning. When the team has gone through their line-up, they take the field while the other team comes to bat. No one keeps score. "It's just for fun," said Tee-ball umpire Aaron Zamkus.

On Monday, July 14, a warm, breezy evening with a bright sun overhead, the Twisters met the Green at Worthen Park in Granite City.

Admittedly, some players had more fun making drawings in the infield dirt or jostling and joking on the bench than they had fielding or batting balls. Still, there is no question that the experience was fun for everyone.

Green's assistant coach Tom Schooley said that "the biggest coaching problem at this age is simply getting the kids to pay attention and to keep their focus on the game."

Twisters coach Ron Parente



Michael Smart watches the action while waiting for his turn at bat.

"The major difficulty is getting kids to keep their concentration for more than two innings," he said. "And defensively, they want to watch the ball instead of the play. But over the course of a season, they learn, little by little, how to play the game of baseball."

Some have a pretty good grasp of the game already. Kyle Jackson of the Twisters belted a triple and a home run in the game, with a lot of help from the fielders, and was enjoying the experience.

Jackson, a student at Marshall School, knew he had hit the ball well on his triple, but thought he should have had a home run. "The player in front of me was too slow and slowed me down," said Jackson. "If

he hadn't have been so slow, I would have had a home run instead of a triple."

This is Jackson's first year of Tee-ball and he likes it a lot. "I don't know what I like best," he said. "All of it, I guess."

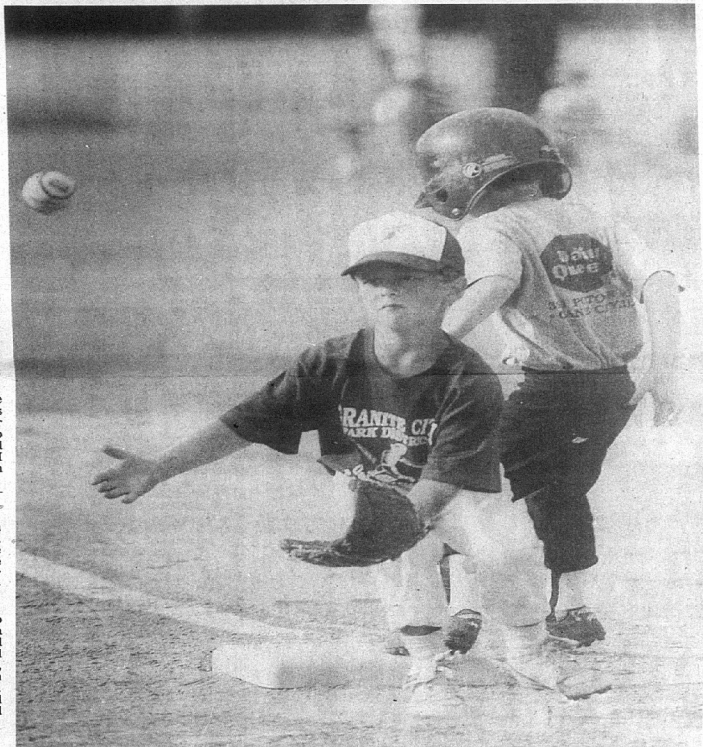
Logan Simon of the Green slammed a pair of round trippers. The Niedringhaus student wasn't sure, but said, "I think this is my first year of playing (Tee-ball). I like it a lot. I like hitting the best of all. I'm a good hitter. I hit the ball hard, and I'm fast."

His speed made it possible for Logan to circle the bases on a hit to shallow right-center while the fielders first tried to get to the ball and, then, tried to get it back to the infield. "I knew it was a home run when I hit it," said Simon. The game had its typical six-year-old moments.

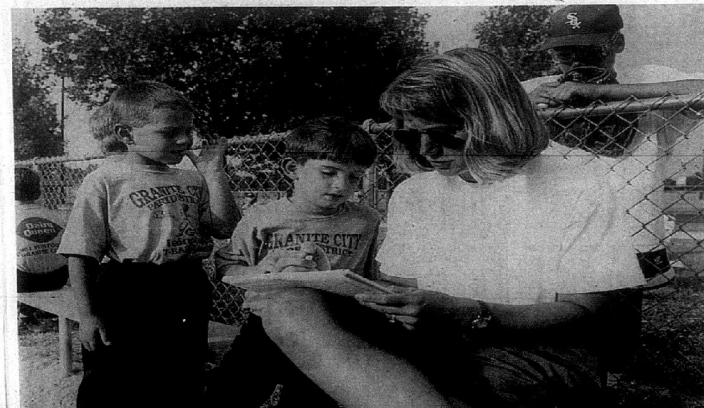
One infielder, cut off from making a play by a teammate, yelled at him. "Coach told me to get it!" He then grabbed the ball from the stunned fielder and threw it to the catcher — just as the coach had told him.

Another player strutted to the plate, rubbed his hands in the dirt, stepped to the tee and took his best swing. The ball bounded to the first baseman, who watched it roll between his legs and into right field. The batter, having reached first, turned to his coach and asked, "Am I out?"

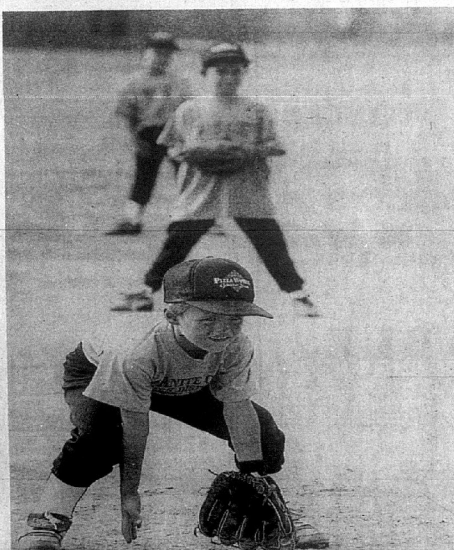
The evening proved one thing above all others. If you can't have fun at a Tee-ball game, you don't know how to have fun at all.



Above, Kyle Jackson looks to make the catch at first while Darrin Clements of the opposing team hustles in ahead of the throw for a base hit. At left, Adam Roberts gets ready for an anticipated ground ball in the pitcher's circle during a tee-ball game. Behind him are second baseman Travis Jones and right-center fielder Cody Bush. At far left, Darrin Clements and Travis Cowan check out the batting order with Kathy Schooley.



Staff photos by JOHN FRESE



Haine questions city payment to Stassi

ALTON — A \$2,000 payment to former councilman Anthony Stassi may not be legal, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said Tuesday.

"It's my opinion at first glance that it's a very questionable expenditure of public funds to pay a councilman who has resigned," Haine said in an interview Tuesday.

Haine was contacted after the City Council voted 3-1 Monday to accept the resignation of Stassi, who is in Madison County Jail awaiting trial on two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault.

"I would advise officials in Wood River not to let on expending that money to Mr. Stassi under these conditions," the state's attorney said.

He said he would, as state's attorney, oppose the payment. Haine said there is no provision in state statutes for an official to resign provisionally, and once an elected official resigns, the city has no authority to pay him anything.

He said the case would be different if there were a question of an appointed official. "If you're an elected official, you're either in or you're out. Once you are out, pay and emoluments cease. The authority to pay an elected official flows from his elected position as given by the people," Haine said.

He said Stassi or any other elected official could not be paid after he has resigned, regardless of the reason for the resignation, which in Stassi's case is that he is in jail faced with two rape charges.

Stassi was arrested in June for the second time in seven months on sexual assault charges. He is accused of attacking a woman at his home in the 400 block of Ferguson Avenue of Wood River. In November 1996, he was charged by Alton police in the rape of a 19-year-old woman at gunpoint.

The Wood River City Council Monday voted 3-1 to accept the resignation by Stassi. The city's lawyer, Rene Bassett Butler, said Stassi resigned in exchange for pay equal to the last 10 months of the current fiscal year, or \$2,000.

City Manager Joey Tolbert said the payment

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— Bill Haine
State's attorney

will be taken from a reserve account set aside in the general fund, not from the salary line item in the budget.

"The city felt that this was necessary so that all distractions were removed and a replacement council member be appointed to take a proactive stance and progress on with city business," according to a statement read Monday night by Butler.

Haine said he does not fault the three councilmen who voted in favor of the resignation. They were attempting to restore the council to five members, which is an appropriate course for them to take.

"They did what they had to do," Haine said. Asked about Haine's statement Monday, Mayor Lon Smith, who voted against accepting the resignation, said he has been told the \$2,000 is not salary but "a payoff."

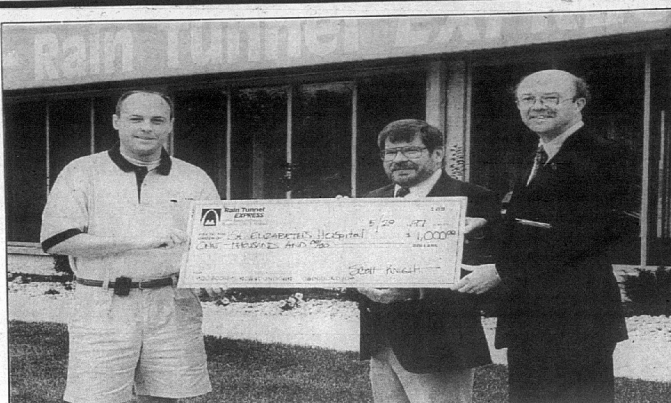
"It's a payoff, and that's all I know," Smith said.

He said that although he disagreed with the rest of the council, he does not fault the three who voted the other way and he is hoping the council can get on with the business of running the city.

Smith said that under council-manager government, he does not have the authority to veto the action taken by the majority, as he was the case under a mayor-council government.

He added he has no plans to pursue the matter further, except to appoint a replacement for Stassi.

— From The Telegraph



Scott Knight, left, president of Rain Tunnel Express, presents a \$1,000 check to Paul Raczkiwicz, SEMC executive vice president, and John Mohl, SEMC director of community relations, for the WINGS program.

Health center campaign gets a \$1,000 donation

Scott Knight, president of the Rain Tunnel Express Car Wash, recently contributed a day's car washes — worth \$1,000 — to the 1997 St. Elizabeth Medical Center WINGS (We're Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth) campaign. This is the second year that the Granite City location donated to the campaign, which benefits the Koch Family Health Center.

The center provides subsidized physician services, immunizations, screenings and preventive education for individuals and families who otherwise could not afford basic,

quality health care. In 1996, nearly 20,000 visits were recorded, over half of them were children.

Knight said that when he found out about the Koch Family Health Center, he suggested the contribution. "Last year we donated \$500 in celebration of our one-year anniversary. We are really pleased to have doubled it this year."

Contributions are still being accepted. For more information about contributing to the WINGS campaign, contact John Mohl, director, Community Relations, at 798-9909.

Youths sentenced for cat torture

A local woman is angry after learning that two youths who tortured her daughter's cat were sentenced to 75 days of community service.

Officials said the sentence is close to the maximum allowed under animal cruelty laws for juveniles.

The youths, 13 and 15, were ordered to perform service at the Madison County Humane Society by Associate Circuit Judge Lewis Mallott, said Assistant State's Attorney Amy

Maher. Patty Hankins, the former owner of Snickers, said the sentence is too light.

"My cat had to die and my daughter had to watch her suffer, and this is all they get?" Hankins said Monday while sobbing.

She said she would do whatever she could to have the sentence changed.

Snickers was euthanized July 13. The youths tortured it with a firecracker three days earlier.

The family had found the cat with its mouth, nose and paws taped. It was bleeding from the rear end and could hardly eat or sleep.

The youths were arrested last week by a Williamson police officer who also covers New Douglas.

The teens, who were held briefly at the juvenile detention center in Edwardsville, were charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, a Class A misdemeanor.

Maher said the 75 days of service is a fairly harsh sentence for a misdemeanor for juveniles.

She said she does not necessarily agree with the range of sentences available.

"I'd be a lot happier if the state legislature would give us a felony level offense for intentional mutilation or killing of animals," Maher said.

The Williamson police were the first to respond to the scene after about an hour delay when Hankins called them Sunday, Hankins said.

A spokesman for the Madison County Sheriff's Department said deputies were never asked to respond, as Hankins had previously stated.

— From The Telegraph



Balloon lift-off — The residents of Colonial Care Center in Granite City took part in a balloon lift-off on May 12 in recognition of National Nursing Home Week.

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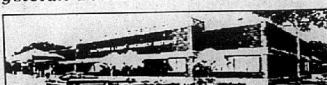


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OBITUARIES

St. Clair, Diana L.

DIANA L. ST. CLAIR, 60, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 1997, in Lincoln, Mo. Jan. 31, 1957, in Granite City, she was a lifelong Granite City resident before moving to Collinsville 14 years ago.

Mrs. St. Clair was employed for the past two months as a deli clerk at Hart Food and Drug in O'Fallon. She was a member of Pontoon Beach Baptist Church and a member of the Ladies Aid.

Survivors include one daughter, Crystal Whitteborn of Granite City; her friend, Michael Dunnivant of O'Fallon; her father, stepmother, Harold and Connie McBride of Pontoon Beach; her mother, Rose Mary Wheeler McBride of Green Valley; two brothers, David and Danny McBride, both of Granite City; two sisters, Donna Sterna of Schamburg and Debra McBride of East Peoria; one nephew, Renee McGreevey, of Collinsville; two stepbrothers, Earl Dowdy of Oklahoma and Buddy Lanham of Kansas.

Services were Wednesday, July 23, at Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Redfern officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Pontoon Beach Baptist Church. Arrangements were handled by Warner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Tate, Newell

NEWELL "CHRISTINE" TATE, 73, of Mitchell, formerly of Glen Carbon, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 21, 1997, at St. Luke's Hospital, West in St. Louis County, Mo., following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 6, 1924, in Florence, Ala., she had been a resident of the Madison-Granite City-Mitchell area since 1968. Prior to that, she was a resi-

dent of Glen Carbon for 13 years.

Mrs. Tate formerly worked at Madison Furniture Exchange, managed the 4th Street Restaurant and cooked for Curley's Restaurant. She attended Wood Life Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include one son, Barlow Eugene Harris of Cottage Hill; two daughters, Tanna Jett and Tina Roien both of Glen Carbon; one brother, Willard Leach of Burns, Ore.; two sisters, Irene Preble and Beth Goede both of Florence, Ala.; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, L. B. Harris, who died in 1945; her second husband, Raymond Cecil Tate, whom she married Sept. 28, 1950, in Little Rock, Ark., and who died in 1973; her parents, John and Lucinda Leach; three brothers, Roy Pouders, Eulis Pouders and Luther Leach; and one sister, Lola Mullins.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, July 24, at Mercer Chapel, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City. Burial will be in Glen Carbon City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Word Street Church of Christ, 1670 Maryville Road, Granite City, or Shriners Childrens Hospital in St. Louis.

Smith, Edna M.

EDNA M. SMITH, 74, of Madison died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at her residence, 3093 Lake Drive, Madison, Mo. She was born Sept. 23, 1922, in Potosi, Mo., and had been a resident of Madison for 50 years.

Mrs. Smith was employed as a sandwich specialist for many years at Open Kitchen Shop at Madison. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church, Glen Carbon.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Smith of Granite City and Bob Smith of Madison; two daughters, Helen J. Taylor of Madison and Joyce Muller of Collinsville; one sister, Louise McDevick of Hurst; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur W. Smith, who died in 1980; and her parents, Lon and Rosa (Clanahan) Mize.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. today, Thursday, July 24, at Warner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, July 25, at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Boyer, Edward F.

EDWARD F. BOYER, 71, of Granite City died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at his residence, 3923 St. Louis following a nine-month illness. He was born April 29, 1926, in St. Louis.

Mr. Boyer retired from Granite City Steel in 1966 after 37 years as a millwright. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1098 and Eagles Lodge 1126.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a life-time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Disle Lee (Hiller) Boyer, whom he married April 28, 1967; his mother, Mamie S. (DeGonia) Boyer of Granite City; one son, Phil Boyer of Granite City; two daughters, Margaret Frederickson of Granite City and Michele Boyer of St. Louis; one stepdaughter, Paula Selt; two stepsons, David St. Louis and Michael Anderson both of Collinsville; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie (Gallagher) Boyer; and his father, Edward R. Boyer.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Warner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, July 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th & Alton, Madison, with the Rev. Fr. William Flisheikoff officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Memorial Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Korinek, Marvin L.

MARVIN L. KORINEK, 65, of Collinsville died at 3:07 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at his residence, 3093 Lake Drive, Madison, Mo. He was born Nov. 7, 1930, in Collinsville.

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Budget

"Balancing the budget should not be on the backs of the elderly and the poor," Costello said.

Ellerman said, "Most people don't know it, but three out of four residents in nursing homes are on Medicaid. They may be wealthy (when the first enter the home, but) they run out of funds."

"I guess you could always make adjustments," he said, "but I'm worried about the quality of care services that we do."

"The Koch Family Center provides care for poor people on public aid. Eighteen thousand patients visited the center last year, half of which were kids."

"The congressman is a very good advocate in this area for hospitals. He knows the subject, and he knows it very well," Ellerman said. "That hasn't always been the case."

Hiring

like ordinances, birth and death certificates and meeting minutes, Whitaker said.

She said the new employee would replace one who left her department a year and a half ago. Whitaker's department currently includes herself, a deputy clerk, two people who handle sewer billing and one who handles ambulance billing.

"I definitely want a full-time person," Whitaker said. "I don't want them for just a year, I want them to continue."

"I just want everyone to understand, I'm not hiring a new person," she added. "It's a replacement. I'm still short in my department."

The \$25,000 will include salary and benefits, said Alderman Craig Tarpoif, who made the motion.

The lone "no" vote on both the amendment and the amended budget was Alderman Kim MacTaggart, who seemed reluctant to approve the money for the position without having more of a chance to discuss it. The council would be able to make a supplemental appropriation for the position at any time during the fiscal year.

"I think there might be some options that the entire City Council could discuss as opposed to hiring someone just like that," she said. "I'd like to see this council be more fiscally responsible."

Festival

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Plan

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Probation violators could be held in the satellite locations for a few hours until the Sheriff's Department picks them up for transport to the county jail.

The Madison site is in the County Board district of Herbert Milton Jr., D-Granite City, chairman of the Buildings Committee.

Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, another committee member, said he remains adamantly opposed to the Madison site. He and others claim the building needs major renovation to be viable.

Milton said that Darrell McGibany, probation administrator, would attend the Buildings Committee meeting at 9 a.m. July 28 to discuss the Madison site and possible Alton sites.

The plan then could go to the County Board, which Bosich, who believes the county could subject itself to lawsuits at the Madison site, asked that Sheriff Bob Churchich and State's Attorney Bill attend the meeting.

— From The Telegraph

Dial

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of people, many in the private sector," said County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto.

Gateway Commerce Center was declared an enterprise zone in March by the state Legislature and Gov. Jim Edgar. The state will confer tax breaks on the property owners and builders. The entire Gateway property covers 2,700 acres.

The County Board already has authorized a five-year tax abatement on the Dial tract.

Athey said Dial will lease the building at the southwest corner of Route 111 and Old Poag Road near the unincorporated town of Mitchell. The site is about 1.5 miles northwest of the interchange of I-270 and I-255.

The land is currently unincorporated, although several communities have their eyes on it.

Eddie Lee, chief of the Mitchell Area Protection District, said he is pleased but skeptical about the announcement. Lee is spearheading a group of local residents who want to incorporate the town of Mitchell to prevent other

municipalities from annexing the area.

Mitchell's boundaries would encircle one-third of Gateway Commerce Center, including the Dial tract.

"I'll believe it when I see it, and I'll be glad to see it," Lee said. "I would much rather see development that will create jobs out here than something else."

The city of Edwardsville also is vying for territory. "Two property owners on Route 111 have petitioned to join that city."

Rodney Thomas, president of the Madison Development Board, said Dial is just the first step.

"We're excited that our first building will be under construction this summer," Thomas said. "This will send a message to other companies looking to build a regional distribution center or relocate ... that Gateway Commerce Center is open for business."

Jim Pennekamp, executive director of Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council, said the announcement proves the marketability of the area.

NEWS



Art show — A Contemporary Indian Art Show was held July 12-13 at Cahokia Mounds. Above, Cherie Johnson and her husband, Jim, of Caseyville look over artwork by Cherokee Indian Pat McAllister. At right, Natalie Healy, 6, of Chillicothe, Ill., shuffles through some artwork. Below, artist Eddie Morrison, right, shows George and Mary Ellen Kavalunas of Collinsville his Indian sculptures.

(Photos by MARK BONEBRAKE)



Young Democrats emphasize idealism

The Young Democrats of Madison County are trying to return to the days of youthful idealism with some projects set for the summer.

"Our organization is not just about politics," said Chris Robinson, membership director of the YDMC. "Although during the election season, we do assist the candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party by walking, phone calls and learning the campaign process, we enjoy this time of the year when we can take part in our community service projects."

The group, which has 53 members, meets in different locations throughout the county and encourages young people between the ages of 16 and 36 to get involved.

"Our membership is a little bit down. That's why we're asking all our members to bring in somebody new," President Mike Holliday Jr. said.

"They're a fledgling group, but they have a core that works very hard," said state Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto.

Attorney Tom Lakin of East Alton, one of the top party officials in the county, said groups like the Young Democrats, or the young people of either party, deserve the support of the established movers and shakers.

"I was a young Democrat myself, although we didn't have a formal organization, and I sometimes felt shut out," said Lakin, now a member of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee.

Lakin said Democrats in the county are looking for more youth on the team.

"As I look around the room at our meetings, there are not too many of us who you could say are young," Lakin said.

He said a lot of the thinking among party officials is to capture the interest of the young.

"They are the future," Lakin said.

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The desire to get young people involved was part of the thinking behind naming Mark Von Nida to replace Debbie Saltich as county clerk, he said.

"Young people of either party, particularly those who object to what they see going on in politics, should be involved and get their hold," Lakin said.

The YDMC is working on several projects, including a skate park in Alton, Holliday said. "Probably the most important project we are working on is our tree dedication to our late friend, County Clerk Debbie Saltich," Holliday said.

"Debbie was one of the first elected officials to assist us in our early days of revitalizing this chapter four years ago," he said.

The dedication will be on Labor Day. The location is still under study.

The Young Democrats also are working on a voter registration drive and a blood drive for late August.

"I encourage young people to take a stand and get involved in their communities, and our organization is the perfect opportunity to channel some of your ideas," Robinson said.

"They're struggling a little financially, but they work very hard for the candidates," Davis said.

For more information, call 465-6974.

— From the Telegraph.

Glen Carbon gets \$100,000 grant

Deteriorating water lines in the Glen Carbon Circle Drive area will get a quick fix this year, but a \$102,800 Community Development Block Grant will bypass new individual meters.

The village requested the \$125,000 in April to replace aging water lines, meters and fire hydrants in Village Woods, Village 2 and Village 3, but the federal grant fell short.

Katie Dargan, organizer of Project H.O.P.E. in the area, said she was encouraged by the grant but would have loved to see individual meters as part of the package.

Homes in the village subdivisions are served by a single master meter, which violates state regulations and has led to a delinquent water bill charged to the Cottonwood Village Woods Homeowners Association.

The association has worked out a payment plan with the village, but individual meters with individual bills would go a long way toward eliminating future problems, officials said.

"Part of the original plan was to replace the master meter with individual meters," Mayor Ron Foster said, but he said the funding will not stretch. Individual meters were estimated to cost \$450 each, and the area needed almost 150, officials said.

The Community Development project was an expanded version of a similar grant that was requested and denied last year.

— From the Telegraph

Anita Spurlock (formerly of Perfect 10) has now joined Nu-Nails & Nu-Hair, Suite 2C Oakmont Ctr., as a nail technician. Call Anita, Teri Richardson or Doty Kelly for all your nail needs. Also call Rayleen Boone & Doty Kelly for your hairdressing as well. Betty Reid, our pediatricist, is also announcing senior citizen discounts every Tuesday. **CALL OUR GROWING TEAM 931-6860 • 931-6640**

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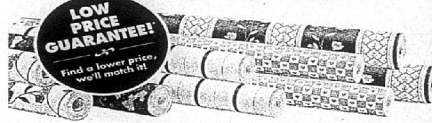
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Pat Heston

Prep sports rules lead to brain cramp

The National Federation of State High School Associations does a credible job of keeping sports writers up-to-date on rules changes for various high school sports.

In recent weeks, NFHS press releases, listing rules recommendations and changes for the coming school year, have crossed my desk on a regular basis. Track and field, football and basketball are each undergoing significant rules revision.

I would not be able to stay ahead of the games were it not for such disseminated information from the home office in Kansas City, Mo.

But there is a by-product of reading such press releases. I call it sports writers brain cramp. It comes from trying to translate NFHS legalese into logical, coherent, meaningful sentences.

Take, for example, the following rule change in basketball: "Illegal pants will be penalized with a technical foul, but the player may participate."

Brain cramp. What does that statement mean? It sounds like the pants, not the player, draws the technical foul. A possibility that raises some curious questions.

"If pants are awarded a technical foul, do another pair of pants on the other end attempt the free throw?" "If a player must leave the floor after two technical fouls, pants also leave the floor under the same circumstances—and, if so, is the player allowed to put on another pair?" and "Just how many changes of pants is one player allowed in one game?"

I don't know. I just ask the questions. It seems to me that a simpler and clearer way to state the rule would have been something like "if a player wears illegal pants, he/she will be penalized with a technical foul, but may continue to play."

But, no, the word wizards and phrase turners at the NFHS have to resort to such maddening mumbo-jumbo when assigning an otherwise simple rule to that grammatical black hole called the National High School Sports Rule Book, from which confusion can never be cured.

But there are reasons beyond legalese that promote confusion. Take Rule 10-11 as a prime example.

It now reads, "A team shall not allow players to lock arms or grasp teammates in an effort to restrict movement of an opponent."

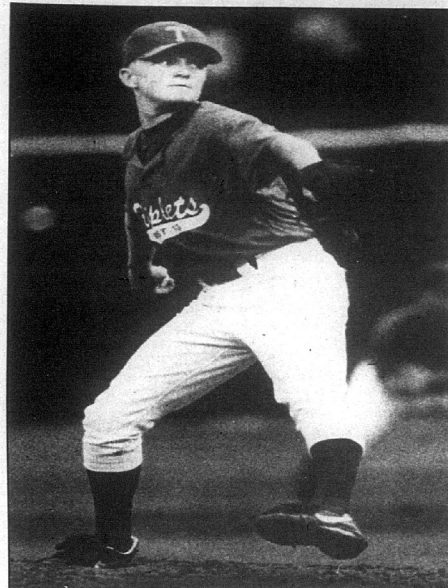
Did you know you could do that on a basketball court? I didn't. I get confused even thinking about it being something that is legal to do.

I saw some such thing happen once at a junior high game in about 1950 or so. A ball-handler streaked by his faked-out opponent and was met near the free throw line by his four teammates, who locked arms and formed a circular force-field around him. They moved toward the basket, just to the left of the lane, as he dribbled the same direction within the moving circle. Everyone then stopped about five feet from the goal. The player inside the circle aimed the ball, shot and scored.

When the referee finally figured out what had happened, which was after the basket had been scored, he disallowed the goal and called a technical on the other team.

I've never seen such a thing again. Never knew it could be done. I guess it could have. Now it can't.

As far as grasping a teammate to restrict the movement of an opponent, I'm sorry to see that one go. Some of my best defensive moves were when an opponent had me beat. Knowing I could never catch him, I would quickly grasp my nearest teammate and push him into the path of the ball-handler and, if need be, into the ball-handler him (See HESTON, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

By the end of his senior season, Granite City's Chris Fiala was one of the top pitchers in the area.

A new challenge

Ex-BAC coach Ethridge moves to UM-St. Louis

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

When Shelly Ethridge became women's basketball coach at Belleville Area College, she inherited a team that had a 14-125 record over the previous six seasons. In five years at BAC, she was 109-44 and led the Dutchwomen into the NJCAA national rankings.

Now Ethridge faces a new challenge: reviving a struggling program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She accepted the head coach's job June 17 and began her duties at UM-SL July 1.

"It's been a pretty smooth adjustment—everybody has been very kind and easy to work with," Ethridge said. "I wanted to go to BAC as a stepping stone, but I didn't want to leave until I got the program where I thought it needed to be."

— Shelly Ethridge
(Staff photo by SCOTT MARION)

Mater Dei High School and a 1990 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, moves up to the NCAA Division II level at UM-SL. The Riverwomen were 5-22 last season and 16-63 over the past three years.

The school's composite record for 23 years of women's basketball is 246-357. That includes only six winning seasons, the last of which was 16-14 in 1993-94 under former coach Jim Coen.

"We play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, which is one of the toughest in the nation," Ethridge said. "Southern Indiana was the national runner-up last season and schools like Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan are also very strong. We have a local rival in SIU-Edwardsville.

Ethridge, a 1985 graduate of Harris, a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School, will play football for Harris this fall. Harris, who was a three-year varsity letterman with the Warriors, begins fall workouts at Blackburn on Aug. 18.

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Fiala to pitch for Benedictine

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

John Ostrowski, the men's baseball coach at Benedictine College in Lisle, Ill., knows all about quality pitchers. The Eagles have lost two players to the major league draft in the last six years and have had four others sign as free agents with major league ball clubs. "We have a good tradition of successful pitchers," he said.

Add Chris Fiala to that list. Fiala, a 5-foot-8, 160-pound right-handed hurler from Granite City High School, was recruited by Ostrowski and recently signed a national letter of intent to play for the suburban Chicago school.

"Chris visited our campus and liked what he saw," said Ostrowski. "He is a young man who is strongly motivated to get a quality education, and that is what he will get at Benedictine. He also knows that we have a successful baseball program with a good track record of very successful pitchers. He wants to be a part of that and we want him as a part of it."

The Eagles were 29-16 last year and return the heart of their lineup for the coming campaign. "We believe that Chris can contribute to our program as a freshman," Ostrowski said. "There's no way to know this far in advance whether he will

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play all junior varsity ball or see quite a bit of varsity action. But, it is not unusual for freshmen to come in and help us out almost immediately on the varsity. Chris has that potential. Down the road he will be a great pitcher for us."

One who agrees with that assessment is GCHS varsity baseball coach Gus Lignoul.

"Chris Fiala has continued to get better all through his high school career," said Lignoul. "He has a decent breaking ball and does a good job of spotting his fast ball. He's only going to get better and stronger. He'll be a late bloomer. He's that kind of kid. He'll contribute at Benedictine."

Lignoul points to the warriors' late-season game against Salem as proof that Fiala was getting better and stronger as the season wore on.

"The game against Salem went 13 innings," said Lignoul. "Chris came in and pitched 9½ innings of shutout ball. It was the best he had looked all year. As the year wore on, he grew stronger. I think he'll surprise a lot of people in college."

"I think I can make an impact immediately," said Fiala. "There are some quality players coming back this year for Benedictine, but they've

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Evelyn Bean

Bean to coach two sports at McKendree

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

McKendree College has a new volleyball and softball coach, but she's hardly new to the Metro East sports scene.

Evelyn Bean, a 33-year-old Staunton native, comes to McKendree after 10 years of coaching both sports at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey. She replaces Melissa Jones, who resigned last spring.

"McKendree is a four-year school as opposed to a two-year school," Bean said. "At Lewis & Clark, I had a lot of kids go on to do real well, and I'd like to be part of that."

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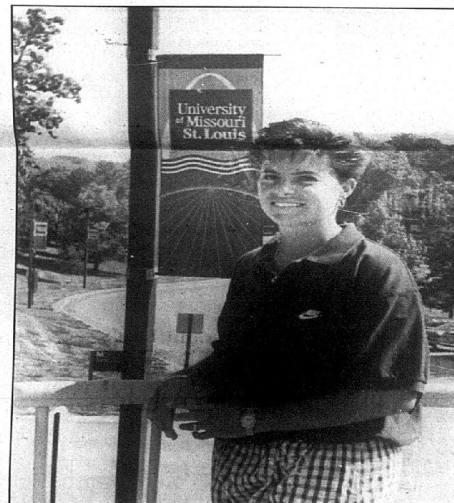
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"I inherited eight players from last year's team, so my first duty was to get to know them and watch films of how they play. I brought along (BAC recruits) Lindsay Brechee (Westland High School) and Leslie Dumstorf (from two-time Class A state champion Carlyle). Jane Ackerman, who was an all-region and all-conference player for me at BAC, is transferring here from Illinois State. She didn't play there, so she has two more years of eligibility."

Melanie Marcy, a junior transfer from Illinois State, will also play for us. The hardest part for me was leaving BAC and all of my players. I wish I could have brought them all with me; they're very talented."

Ethridge hopes to expand UM-SL's recruiting range. "Being from the Illinois side, I had a recruiting list ready to go for next year," she said. "I hope to bring a lot of those kids over here, but I also have to get more familiar with the Missouri kids. We have two out-of-state players now, but there's so much talent in this area that it's not necessary to go out of Missouri or Illinois."

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Shelly Ethridge took a struggling women's basketball team at Belleville Area College and turned it into a nationally ranked program.

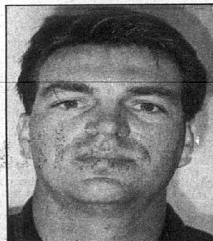
Boehne takes over Bearcats baseball

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Jim Boehne is home again. A 33-year-old Hoffman native and a graduate of Carlyle High School, Boehne was recently named head baseball coach at McKendree College. He spent the past eight years as an assistant coach at the University of New Orleans.

"I'm ready to be a head coach," Boehne said. "I've worked under a lot of good coaches, including my high school coach, Gary Wheeler; Voigt Lanter with the Carlyle Legion team; Dick Swift at BAC (Belleville Area College); Pat Patterson at Louisiana Tech and Tom Schaner at UNO."

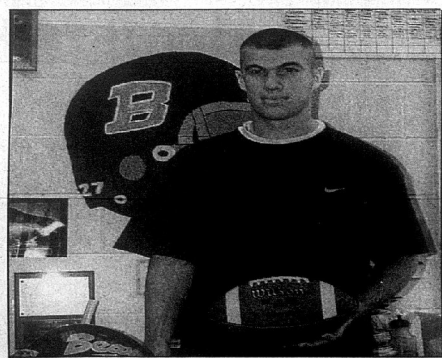
"I wanted to get closer to home, but I didn't think it would be this close. This really excites my wife (Cheryl, a Carlyle native). I have a 7-year-old daughter (Kayla) who will be starting second grade and she's thrilled to death. My 2-year-old son (Tyson) doesn't know it yet, but he's going to be happy



Jim Boehne

here, too." Boehne played baseball for two years at BAC, capping his junior college career with a trip to the NJCAA World Series in 1984. At Louisiana Tech, he was selected as an all-Southland Conference pitcher for two consecutive years, earning the conference's out-

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SPORTS

Stue grad becomes leader for Ambush

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Dr. Abraham Hawatmeh is the first to boast about rising National Professional Soccer League star Joe Reinger.

Hawatmeh, president and chief executive officer of the St. Louis Ambush, is not shy when he says he knew Reinger would be a star in the league when the club drafted the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville standout in 1993.

"I can't say this very loudly, but I think he is the best player on the team. Also he is the person that will cry when we lose. He will be the person that looks at me and says, 'Doctor, I really tried.' He is a very special person. Ownership has a couple of players that are very close to their heart and Joe is one of them."

Reinger, 26, has been one of the key members of the Ambush since his arrival. In the four seasons Reinger has played with the club, St. Louis has won a division title (1994), won the NPSL championship (1995), lost in the NPSL finals (1996) and advanced to the division finals (1997).

In each of his four seasons in the league, Reinger's point total has been better than the

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previous year.

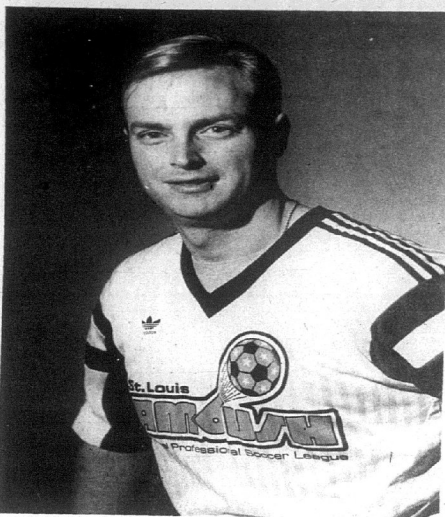
"I think he has come a long way and his potential has not been seen yet," Hawatmeh said. "Physically, he is in great shape. He has been working hard. He is pumping iron and building muscle. His determination is incredible."

Reinger's work ethic and high level of play have made him one of the league's best players. Two seasons ago, he was snubbed by the players in their All-Star selections. At the time, Reinger was a bit disappointed but knew his name wasn't all that well known around the league.

Last season, he continued to roll up the big numbers and was selected by his peers to represent the National Division in the NPSL All-Star game.

Last week, NPSL owners gathered at Hawatmeh's St. Louis home to discuss the league's prosperity. Many of those owners wanted to talk about Reinger, who is entering the final year of his three-year contract.

"Every time I go to a league meeting with the owners, they don't want to talk about my three-year contract," (See REINGER, Page 3B)



Joe Reinger has developed into an NPSL all-star and one of the league's top scorers.

Boehne

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standing pitcher award and making the all-Louisiana team. He also was honored by the conference as a designated hitter and was voted Louisiana Tech's most valuable player his senior year.

After obtaining bachelor's degrees in business administration and business education, Boehne worked three years as a graduate assistant at Louisiana Tech. In 1989, he moved to the University of New Orleans, where he served as the team's hitting instructor and recruiting coordinator.

"I haven't been associated with an NAIA school before, but it's still baseball and it hasn't changed in a long time," said Boehne, who is looking for a home in the Trenton area. "I'm sure this level of play will be very enjoyable to me."

"There are a lot of good players from this area. (Coach) Neil Fiala is doing an excellent job at BAC. I just hope there are enough good players to go around."

Boehne inherits a team under former head coach Dennis Pieper.

"Baseball is a physical game, but it's 90 percent mental," Boehne said. "I want to give the kids an understanding of what's going on on the field. I also played some right field for Louisiana Tech and first base at BAC, so that's helped me. (Former BAC assistant coach) Bob Hughes, who is now the head coach at St. Louis, is a close friend and gave me a lot of extra help."

"UNO was a commuter school. It didn't have football on campus, which resented at McKendree in 1996 and I see it as a major recruiting tool. It makes for more of a major-league atmosphere."

"Mr. (James) Dennis (McKendree's president) has been doing nothing but supporting me. (Coach) Statham (athletic director and men's basketball coach) has shown me what to do, but basically he's turned things over to me."

Until Boehne's appointment, the position of head baseball

coach at McKendree had been a part-time position. The expanded position led to the resignation of Pieper, who operates his own business in Valley.

"I talked to coach Pieper and he gave me the scoop about our returning players," Boehne said. "As far as position players, we're basically set, but we need to recruit some pitchers. I don't think we have to do too much to be OK next year, but we have to get some more players to reach the next level."

"At UNO, we received the college baseball Outstanding Surface Award. We had a super facility — the Milwaukee Brewers Class AAA team (the New Orleans Zephyrs, now affiliated with the Houston Astros) played there for four years. At McKendree, we need more bleachers. We also need some kind of hitting background, whether it's a wind screen or a fence."

"I'm not looking to pack the park, but I am looking for support from the families and parents (of players). The kids are looking for leadership and direction and hopefully I'll be able to provide that."

Boehne is also counting on McKendree's academic reputation as a recruiting tool.

"McKendree had 11 kids on the academic all-conference team, that in itself is worth its weight in gold," Boehne said. "I'm not going to recruit just good players, I want to recruit good students."

"This school has a 96 percent placement rate for its graduates, which is outstanding. I met with (football) coach (Carl) Poelker and I really think playing there will be a winning program. Brad Weathers, my high school baseball coach, played for coach Statham."

Boehne planned to scout local players in the American Legion playoffs, which began last weekend.

"I'll be there in my lawn chair to help," he said. "I'm looking for kids to help us now, but I'm also looking for kids for the future."

Harris

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passing arm. He has a great knowledge of the game and great range on the field. He has great mobility and coachability. He does a good job of seeing down the field and doesn't throw himself into mistakes. In my opinion, he will be an outstanding small-college quarterback."

Harris will join his older brother, Don, a senior wide receiver at Blackburn.

"The fact that my brother plays at Blackburn is one of the reasons I wanted to play there," said Harris. "But it was far from the only reason. Blackburn is a good school with a good football program and a lot to offer me. I like the campus. I like the coach. And I know I'm going to like playing there."

Harris plans to major in either physical education or elementary education and would like to teach. Possibly, even to coach. "But not as head coach," he added. "My dad went through all of that and I don't think I want to do it. But, I think I'd like to be an assistant coach."

Petrillo has no doubt that Harris will succeed at the college level, even though it is a step above high school and calls for another degree of commitment.

"There is no doubt that Kevin will be physically and mentally ready to take on the challenge for position at Blackburn," Petrillo said. "He is a fierce competitor and will challenge the other players."

"I plan to start JV," said Harris, "but I also plan to get some varsity playing time. The biggest obstacle will not be football-though it will take some adjusting to play at the next level—but it will be myself. The most important thing for me will be to become self-disciplined. And that will also help me on the football field."

Sprague, who is in his third year at Blackburn, fashioned a 4-4 team in 1996, which tied for first in the conference with McMurray with a record of 4-1. He is excited about where the program is going, especially with a player of Kevin Harris now in the fold.

"Kevin is a great kid, a great football player, a super student. I think he's a thorough man," said Sprague. "If there was ever a kid you wish you could duplicate, he is the one. He's one of the nicest kids you'll ever meet either on or off the field. He will be fun to coach and great for our team."

Ethridge

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"After reviewing films from last year, I want to implement the same type of style we used at BAC — run and gun with a pressure defense. We'll stop walking the ball up the floor and start pushing it up."

"Right now we have 15 players on the squad — that's the most we've had in a while — and there's a possibility we might have 16. You have to take people in and put them in that style of play because they

need a breather."

UMSL starts practice in mid-October, with its first game Oct. 25 at home against Missouri Baptist.

"I don't expect the first year to be a piece of cake," Ethridge said. "I'm sure I'll have my difficulties, but I just have to roll with the changes and learn from my mistakes."

"I hope to get things back on track rather quickly. I don't take losing seasons lightly."



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NASCAR Busch Series races to success

The NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, which started in 1982, is in its 16th season of competition in 1997. While the series maintains contact with many of its roots, it has also successfully found its place in American motorsports as the nation's second-richest racing series for stock cars.

NASCAR Busch Series teams will be chasing more than \$10 million in prize and point fund money during the season. A 30-race schedule will include an increase of four new races (Fl. Worth, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and St. Louis) will take the series to 24 race tracks in 18 states. All races will be televised live, and will be broadcast live on radio.

The series has made great leaps since it was born during the winter between the 1981 and 1982 racing seasons. NASCAR consolidated the old Late Model Sportsman division, which once was the featured division at dozens of tracks on the East Coast, into a touring series of approximately 26-30 races per year.

Since rising costs have made weekly racing for Late Model Sportsman cars difficult, the idea behind the creation of the series was to build big races, and to bring all the regional stars of the series

together for all of the races. Anheuser-Busch, Inc., of St. Louis, Mo., became the series sponsor of the new NASCAR Budweiser Late Model Sportsman Series in 1982. In 1984, the corporation shifted its sponsorship to the Busch brand, which remains as the series title sponsor today.

NASCAR Busch Series teams also was a series sponsor in the first season, sponsoring the Goody's 300 at Daytona from 1982 to 1996, which is the traditional season opener for the series.

For the inaugural season of 1992, NASCAR put together a 28-race schedule for the series.

Tommy Ellis of Richmond, Va., who had won the last championship of the Late Model Sportsman division, agreed to run all of the races, as did three-time Late Model Sportsman national champion Jack Ingram of Asheville, N.C.

Other Late Model Sportsman stars who committed to run the entire series were Sam Ard of Asheville, N.C., Geoff Bodine of Chemung, N.Y., and Tommy Houston and Dale Jarrett of Hickory, N.C.

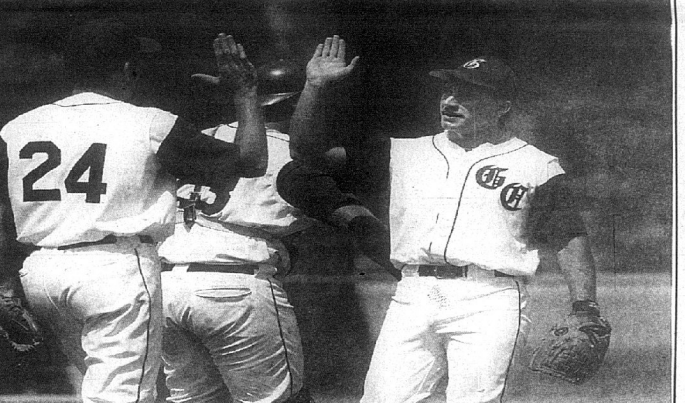
NASCAR Winston Cup regular, and seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, won the first race for the series, the Goody's 300 at Day-

tona International Speedway, on Feb. 13, 1982, and the series was born. Houston won the next race at Richmond, Va.

After a nip-and-tuck battle all season, Ingram beat Ard for the first series championship, with the battle coming down to the last race. The series had 14 different race winners in 29 events, setting a pattern for close competition that has continued through the history of the series.

After three years of growth, in which more big events joined the schedule, and more good drivers and teams from other forms of racing began to

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High fives for Hendrickson — Granite City's Darin Hendrickson (right) is congratulated by teammates after the Clippers beat O'Fallon 11-1 last Sunday in the first game of a Mon-Clair League doubleheader.

Bean

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Clark, I was an athletic adviser and I dealt with starting a grant program for high school dropouts (to help them obtain their diploma and obtain a general equivalence degree). I was also a night school supervisor."

Bean is a 1981 graduate of Staunton High and a 1985 graduate of Greenville College. She played volleyball and softball at Greenville and earned a degree in physical education.

"I've had at least six or seven Lewis & Clark athletes come to McKendree, and they've always come back with a positive impression," Bean said. "The programs here are real strong."

"I'm familiar with the junior colleges in the area, so that should be a help in recruiting. Sometimes when you pick up a freshman you're not sure how they'll develop, but if they've played volleyball at a junior college, you've probably got a pretty good athlete on your

hands.

"Some things are different here, but the basics are the same. I've always preached that academics comes first and athletics comes second."

At Lewis & Clark, Bean had a 281-208 record in volleyball and was 219-206 in softball. She graduated all but three athletes and developed eight all-region and 37 all-conference players. She's spent much of the summer evaluating her new teams at McKendree.

"The volleyball team (19-7 last season) will have three or four freshmen and it looks like we should be pretty strong," Bean said. "Stephanie Burke (a Belleville West graduate and a transfer from Bellevue Area College) should help us in both sports."

"The softball team (24-21 last season) also looks pretty good; we should finish recruiting soon. It's an older squad than the volleyball team."

"For both teams at Lewis &

Clark, 70 to 75 percent of my players were from out of the district. I'm real familiar with the Belleville area; we had real good success down south. Especially in softball, it's getting more competitive. Olympic softball really opened a lot of people's eyes to the sport."

Bean's assistant coach in softball will be Jim Greiner, who has been finishing her college career at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The 6-foot-2 Kampwirth is a middle hitter for the St. Louis Spirits of the professional National Volleyball Association.

McKendree's volleyball team starts practice Aug. 11. The Bears are open the season Sept. 5 at the College of the Ozarks Tournament.

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Fiala

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lost a lot of pitchers. That is one area where they are not very deep right now. That's why coach Ostrowski feels I can come in and contribute right off the bat."

Benedictine plays a fall practice schedule and shifts into a serious baseball mode in the spring.

Fiala, who plans to major in international business, is anxious to get on campus and take the mound.

"I got a letter from the coach in March, letting me know he was interested in me coming to Benedictine," said Fiala. "I visited the campus, really liked the school and the baseball program, and knew I could get an excellent education in the field I wanted. I'm really looking forward to going on to this next level in my life."

Heston

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self. It worked every time. It stopped the offensive player dead in his tracks and, if there was a foul he went to my teammate and not to me. I especially need that rule now that I am older, heavier and slower."

But, now, such defensive strategy will be a technical foul. Until now, all it drew was the ire of your opponent and a few choice expletives from your teammate. What a terrible injustice has been wrought by this rule change, particularly to those who, like myself, never learned to play defense with their feet."

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 one) else. They all want to talk about Joe Reiniger," Hawatmeh said. "I will say he is my holy cow. He is uncatchable. I have like five or six people on my team that are uncatchable." The more improvement Reiniger makes, the more uncatchable the Collinsville High graduate will become. Hawatmeh, who was an owner of the now-defunct St. Louis Storm and has owned the Ambush since the 1992-93 season, has seen quite a few good players come and go through St. Louis. Hawatmeh says Reiniger has one of the best left-footed shots he has ever seen. And as Reiniger continues to develop his right-footed shot,

there is no telling how good he will get. "What you see is only 30 percent, in my opinion, of his total playing capacity," Hawatmeh said. "I am saying that clearly and thoughtfully about it. This kid is giving me 30 percent of what he can do. So can you imagine how good he is going to get?" With that kind of compliment, it is easy to see that Hawatmeh wants Reiniger to be wearing the Ambush colors for a long time. "Did I know he was good? Yes, I did," Hawatmeh said. "I knew exactly from the first day we hired this guy. I knew he would be great. Will I sign him again? Absolutely. He is a special player."

•Racing

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 find their way into the series, NASCAR renamed the series. Starting in 1995, the series became the NASCAR Busch Grand National Series, and, in 1994, it became the NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division. In 1997, another milestone will be accomplished in the NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, as the division will host four races west of the Mississippi River for the first time in series history. Three of the four races (Las Vegas, St. Louis and Los Angeles) will be run separately from the NASCAR Winston Cup Series event. As the growth of the series continues, the prize money and prestige climbs upward each season. The series has earned

a well-deserved reputation as a training ground for future NASCAR Winston Cup stars. Current drivers such as Jeff Gordon, Bobby Labonte, Dale Jarrett, David Green, Ricky Craven, Ward and Jeff Burton are just a few of the current NASCAR Winston Cup regulars who participated in the NASCAR Busch Series. Nearly half of the starting field for the 1997 Daytona 500 had NASCAR Busch Series experience. But the series is also an end in itself, with some drivers choosing to spend their entire career racing in the series. "There is no doubt that the NASCAR Busch Series has established its place in American motorsports," said NASCAR President Bill France. "We are very proud of what this series has become."

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball tourney

The Granite City Baseball Tournament, hosted by the Granite City Park District and Granite City Umpires, will run from 7 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 3. In the event of rain, the tournament will be moved to the following weekend. Teams will compete in pools instead of traditional brackets. With four teams per pool, each team is guaranteed three games. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semifinal elimination round. The top two teams in each pool will also receive a free entry fee, and trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Competition will be for Bantam (born Sept. 1, 1985 through Aug. 31, 1987) and Midget (born Jan. 1, 1984 through Aug. 31, 1985) age groups. Fees, which must be received by July 30, are \$150 per team. There will be eight teams per division.

For more information, call the park office (877-3099) and leave a message for Jayson York or Ray Hoffman.

'85 boys Elks tryouts

The Granite City Elks under-13 boys soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 1997-98 competitive season at 9 a.m. on July 26 and at 1 p.m. on July 27 at the BAC Campus in Granite City. This is for players born between Aug. 1, 1984 and July 31, 1985. All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time, wearing shin guards. Players must bring a No. 5 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 931-5218.

U-17 boys soccer

The Downtown Imprints boys U-17 soccer team is holding tryouts for players born after Aug. 1, 1980. Tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 28

and 29 at the Tri-Township Park in Troy. For more information, call 667-6177.

Elks U-10 boys

Tryouts for the Granite City Elks U-10 boys soccer team, for players born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988, will be held at 6 p.m. July 24 at the Elks Sports Complex. Players must bring a No. 4 soccer ball. For more information, call 797-0394.

Elks girls

Tryouts for the Granite City Elks girls soccer team (for players born after Aug. 1, 1978) will be held 6-8 p.m. July 24 at the Elks Sports Complex at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City. Interested players should arrive dressed and ready to play. For more information, call 452-0308.

Maniacs tryouts

The Missouri Maniacs 14-under and 18-under softball teams are holding tryouts this summer. The three-time national qualifiers will be competing for berths in the AFA, NSA and USSSA national tournaments for 1998.

Each team will play approximately 70 games with a double-header league and several out-of-town tournaments. Tryouts will be held in early August and September. For more information, call (314) 946-5496.

GCHS football

Weight training for anyone playing football at Granite City High School is being held 7:30-9 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, in the high school weight room. Agility drills are also part of the program.

Training is for all incoming freshmen through seniors and will continue until the first day of football practice Aug. 13.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Little slugger — Alec Angle keeps his eye on the ball while taking a swing during a Dairy Queen T-ball league game.

Senior PGA event seeks volunteers

By Shawn Fusco
 Staff writer

Volunteers are being recruited for the Senior PGA Tour's Boone Valley Classic. Approximately 1,100 individuals are needed to stage the 1997 event, scheduled for Sept. 8-14 at Boone Valley Golf Club

in St. Charles County. Legends of golf such as Hale Irwin, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Lee Trevino, Larry Nelson, Raymond Floyd and Tom Wargo are among those expected to battle for the \$1.3 million in prize money at this year's Boone Valley Classic.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available and will be assigned, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Duties range from admissions to security to scoring to driving. Volunteers are required to work three four-hour shifts and attend a brief session on Aug. 16 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Chesterfield.

The fee to volunteer is \$65. The fee entitles volunteers to a badge allowing access for the week, a top-quality brand-name shirt and cap, an opportunity to purchase additional week-long general admission tickets at a special discounted price of \$60 (\$80 discount from the regular price), complimentary food provided by K.C. Masterpiece and St. Louis Bread Company in an air-conditioned tent, preferred parking and shuttle service, a commemorative pin, a gift and a volunteer appreciation party with drawings for rounds of golf at Boone Valley Golf Club. For volunteer information or an application, call 991-5896. Sign up early to assure your first choice. The deadline is Aug. 15.

The Boone Valley Classic will host a field of 78 senior players for the three-day, 54-hole, no-cut tournament. The \$1.3 million purse offered at the Classic is the fifth highest on the Senior PGA Tour.

All proceeds from the Boone Valley Classic are donated by the Boone Valley Classic Foundation to local charities. St. Louis Children's Hospital has been named as primary beneficiary.



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End of the line — Greg Winfield and the Tri-City American Legion team saw their season end last weekend with a 6-0 loss to Troy in the District 22 North Division playoffs.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Legion Auxiliary Spring Convention held

The 22 District Spring Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary was held June 7, at the Belleville 58. Nancy Paelt, historian, presented the following with awards for winner histories written: First prize to Freeburg; honorary awards to New Douglas, Smithton, Valmeyer, and Columbia.

Ruth Russell, chaplain, held a memorial service for 53 deceased members from the district area; seven members were Charter Members. Mary Mickelson, Americanism chairwoman, reported 10 schools participated in the essay contest. Class I (7 and 8 graders) had 34 entries and won by a student in Millstadt. Class II (9 and 10 graders) had only one entry so the award was given for a Columbia student. Class III (11 and 12 graders) had three entries and the winner was from Columbia. The three winners were presented and read their essays and received their awards.

Rose Moreland, Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairwoman, reported 23 units contributed to this fund for the state, totaling \$499.25. Delove Godat, Children and Youth chairwoman, reported the lunch, cookies and fruit drink at the games at SIUE in May. More than \$1,700 in cash and gifts were given to needy children. Much work is done throughout the year by local units and by the 22 District, for children both needy and ones in other organizations, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Juniors, etc.

Norma Hillmer, Community Service chairwoman, reported 13 units participated in youth programs spending \$3,025 and 37 volunteers giving 432 hours. 57 volunteers gave 1169 hours and \$975 to senior citizen and physically handicapped programs.

Betty Wellman, Education chairwoman reported 17 units donated \$570 to the department scholarship program. Some members donate hours at the public libraries, read to children in libraries and schools, and participate in National Education Week programs with apples and gifts to teachers.

Margaret Payne, Illini Girls State chairwoman, reported 17 units were sending 21 girls to Charleston for Illini Girls State and 8 were sponsored by other groups. Dorothy Hinson, V.A. and R. chairwoman, reported on the many parties and gifts given to and for the veterans in the John Cochran and Jefferson Barracks VA facilities in St. Louis. Many units participated by donating money, gifts, personal items, and refreshments at bingos. A huge "Thank You" to all the units and the volunteers for making their lives brighter. Total expenditures from the units for the year \$33.60 plus hospital credits of \$5,197.

Rose Moreland, Junior Activities chairwoman, reported activities were varied from the different groups. All groups made tray favors, puzzle boards, decorated paper bags, etc. for the VA and Mental Health Hospitals in Illinois. More than \$570 in items were given to hospitalized veterans. Several groups participated in the Christmas bingo at the Jefferson Barracks VA Nursing Home in December and also in the bingo party at the Marion VA Nursing Home in May. Five juniors performed 38 hours of field service and seven juniors performed 34 hours of home service.

Nancy Paelt, Leadership chairwoman, held one course in Livingston. Seven members attended. The National Leadership Workshops last fall. Mary "Mike" Murphree, Past Presidents chairwoman,

reported on the annual meeting held in April. There were 75 in attendance. Nineteen units contributed to the PPP Nurses scholarship program amounting to \$395. Eleven units donated to the "Women in Military Service Memorial" - amount \$295.

Mary Lamoreaux, Poppy chairwoman, reported a total received by all units in the district for poppies was \$18,829. This money is used for programs for veterans and veterans children, as well as other children programs.

Poppy posters were made by students in some schools. First prize in each class as follows: Class 1 - New Douglas; Class 2 - Belleville 58; Class 3 - Belleville 58; and Class 4 - New Douglas. Poppy corsage contest was won by Mary May of Belleville 58.

Special guest at the meeting was Gerald Murphree, 22 District Commander from East St. Louis Post 53; Norma Hillmer, 5 Division President from Venice-Madison Unit 307; Diane Pounton, President St. Clair County Auxiliary from Belleville 58; Judy Zimmerman, Departmental Chaplain of Eight and Forty from Highland; and Mary (Mike) Murphree, Past Presidents chairwoman.

Election of Officers was held with the following being elected for 1997-98: President - Edith Ruehrup of Alhambra; First Vice President - Nancy Paelt of Alton; Second Vice President - Elaine Cress of Bethalto; Treasurer - Rose Schwarz of O'Fallon; and Historian - Mary Tankersley of Cahokia. Installation will be held in Alhambra on Saturday Aug. 16.

Margaret Payne of Cahokia was endorsed for a Fifth Division office for 1997-98. Those who attended from this area were: Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Pauline Mersinger and LaVera Johnson, all of Venice-Madison Unit 307.



Take Off Sensibly Chapter IL645 members were recently honored. Those honored were, front: Virginia Lickenbrock, Pat Brown, Mary Ann Ramsey, Imogene Johnson. Back row: Heather Walker, Aaron Burkey, Melba Bates (partially hidden), Paul Jacobs, Pat Lansaw and Cris Warren.

SOCIETY BRIEFS

Stapleton competes

Shannon Stapleton competed in the Midwest Glamour Girls Pageant, held in December in Belleville.

The categories included photogenic, portfolio, dress, sportswear, western wear and talent. Shannon was named portfolio queen, photogenic queen, talent queen, and supreme beauty queen. Shannon's prizes include trophies, crowns, banners, cash and gifts.

Shannon also was recently selected as one of the top 10 finalists in the Pageant Life national photo contest. Shannon's photograph was selected among hundreds of entrants from across the United States.

Shannon has also been selected as the 1997 Belissima Mid-West Teen Model of the Year.

Shannon's modeling coach is Rhonda Vest-Nolan. Shannon is the daughter of Marv and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City. Grandparents are The Rev. Bob and Peggy Jones of Granite City and George and Helen Stapleton of Marion.

DAR meeting

The Drusilla Andrews Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Judith Schatz for its May meeting.

Regent Linda Mizell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Sandra Wilkinson read the President General's Message.

Living Thura accepted items to be taken to the Marion Veterans Hospital as well as additional money which to buy other personal items.

The program, "Let Freedom Ring," was presented by the regent.

Thura conducted the installation ceremony for chapter officers who will serve for the next two years. Mizell will again serve as the regent. Emma Schoen, as vice regent; Jeanne Vanesler, chaplain; Barbara Williams, secretary; Sandra Wilkinson, treasurer; Judith Schatz, as registrar; and Georgia Engleke, as historian-librarian.

Legion Auxiliary meets

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, met at the Madison V.F.W. Home on June 3 with Millie Weatherford as hostess for lunch, which was served to 18 members.

Report was made on the poppy distribution on May 23. Seven workers collected more than \$350 for the veterans programs.



Shannon Stapleton

Members placed wreaths at the Memorial Service held at Post 307 on May 26. Ladies served coffee and donuts to those attending before the service.

Plans were made for a trip to the Anna Veterans Home in Anna on Thursday, June 5. Those going were Dorothy Hinson, Pauline Mersinger, Rose Cooper, Marge Norn, Yvonne Passig and Louie Passig. Cupcakes, bananas, fruit drink and pocket packs 25 Klenex were to be taken for the residents there. Bingo was to be played and quarters given for prizes.

Mary Hellingner, Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairwoman, announced a pin for our annual donations for this fund.

The attendance prize was won by Juanita Williams.

Hillmer convention's special guest

Norma Hillmer, Fifth Division president of the American Legion Auxiliary was special guest at the 25 District Convention held in Murphysboro on June 14.

Officers for the year 1997-98 were elected. Hillmer was the installing officer assisted by Dorothy Hinson as chaplain and Helen Malinoski as sergeant-at-arms. Mary Dragovich of the Orient Unit was installed as the new president.

Accompanying Hillmer was Hinson; both are from Venice-Madison Unit 307.

ROP meeting

Retired Office Personnel of Granite City School District 3 held their July meeting at Ravaneli's.

Those in attendance were: Zoe Mitchell, Nancy Rosales, Barbara Schreiber, Sony Ohasanian (recent retiree), Lucy Stucke, Gladys Wallace, Beth Mirus, Dorothy Lerner, Barbara Lerner, Millie Chandler, Wanda Kutzera, Helen Favier, Arlene Haldeman, Lucille

Caban, and guests Stephen and Michelle Chandler. August hostess, Lucille Caban, has made reservations at Josephine's in Godfrey.

Bible school set

Celebrate Jesus is the theme of the joint Vacation Bible School to be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday, July 28, through Friday, Aug. 1, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 3025 National Ave., Granite City.

Good Shepherd and Trinity UMCs are again working together to provide a week of Bible stories, games, crafts, music and refreshments for children in prekindergarten through sixth grade.

A program for parents and families will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, with refreshments following.

Activities this year are based on John 8:12 in which Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Better Breathers Club

The Better Breather's Club of St. Elizabeth Medical Center held its annual picnic at Wilson Park Pavilion 5 Friday, June 6. No business meeting was held. The club memorial for Michael Pryor consisting of a berm and bench, was visited and pictures were taken by John Mott of St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Jerry Ashford, president of the club.

A local photographer with a studio at 2501 Iowa, Lynn Revelle of Respi-Link, a home care business located in Granite City, donated frozen custard from Bobby's for the picnic.

"Honey-Baked Ham" to be raffied as a fund raising project later this year.

TOPS honors

Take Pounds Off Sensibly Chapter IL645 honored its Chapter Queen, Mary Ann Ramsey for the most weight lost. Imogene Johnson was chosen as Queen Runner-up.

Honored for their Keep Off Pounds Sensibly status were Pat Brown and Virginia Lickenbrock. Division winners include Heather Walker, Aaron Burkey, Melba Bates, Paul Jacobs, Pat Lansaw and Cris Warren.

TOPS is a weight support group for chapters in the United States, Canada and overseas. Anyone wishing more information may call Al or Ann Currell at 462-6102, or the headquarters at (800) 932-8677.

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When a person is involved in an automobile accident, should he submit a claim to his own car insurance company? Many automobile insurance companies now claim they are losing money, and several are raising rates and refusing to renew coverage on certain high-risk drivers. In a given case, a person must weigh the benefits of submitting the claim against the possibility of having higher premiums or facing cancellation.

Several years ago, automobile insurance carriers only raised premiums if a driver was at fault in a given accident. Many automobile carriers now have taken the position that if you use your insurance in any manner, this will be used as a basis for raising premiums.

For example, let's assume you are involved in a collision, and the other driver is at fault. Even though you were not negligent, you may find it necessary to submit a property damage claim to your own company. This could occur because the other company refuses to pay for your car in a timely manner or because the driver at fault was uninsured. Some companies who pay to have a car fixed in this situation will use this as a basis to raise the innocent driver's rates when the policy comes due.

A person who recently came to this office had been involved in three accidents in an 18-month period of time. None of the accidents had been his fault, but the company that had her car insurance would not be renewed. The underwriter indicated that the company was in the process of reevaluating all drivers and not renewing people who were considered high-risk. The company representative stated that they were refusing to renew not only bad drivers but also drivers who were "unlucky."

It is obvious from this case that the less often a driver submits a claim under his automobile insurance, the more likely he is to keep his premiums at a reasonable level and maintain the insurance in force. It should be noted that the criteria for rate increases and cancellations will vary from company to company. Certainly, when one needs to use his automobile insurance, he should never hesitate to do so. Nevertheless, it seems to be the policy of some automobile insurance companies to have their agents sell the policy as cheaply as possible and then look for reasons to raise the rates at some later time.

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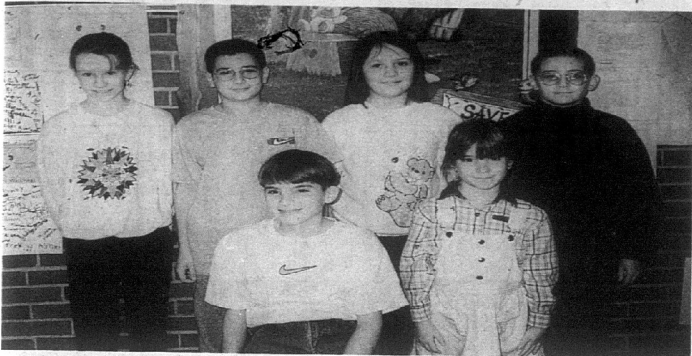
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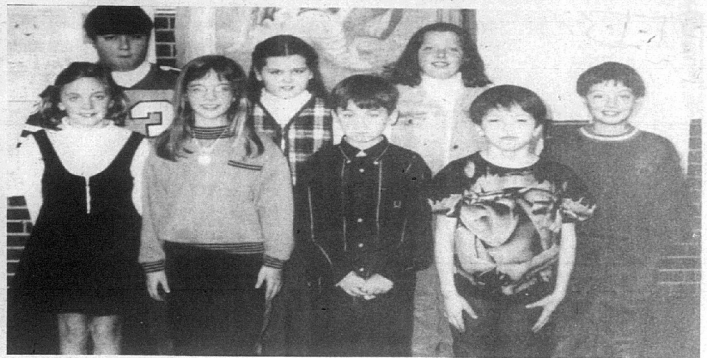
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Winners of contests and programs at Frohardt School were recently announced. Winners of the Reflection program were, front row: Ben Orris and Virginia Hoff; back row: Monica Mathis, Ray Geroff, Lauren Ehlers and Joseph Warchol. Spelling bee



winners from Frohardt were, front row — left to right: Laura Hildebrand, Hanna Sparks, David DeWitt and Shawn Morales. Back row: Derek Sanchez, Emily Settlemyer, Corey McManamy and Sean Glenn. Corey McManamy also won the 6th grade District Spelling Bee.

Frohardt students honored for contests, achievements

Students at Frohardt School were recently honored for achievements in various programs and contests.

Those included the Reflections Program, spelling bee and Young Author's Contest.

The theme for the 1996-97 Reflections Program was "It Could Happen." The students were to interpret this theme in any way they felt appropriate. There were four categories they could use to generate their creativity: literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts. All entries were the original design and work of the individual student.

Ray Geroff did a visual art titled "It could happen....My friends and I could live by the colorful coral reef." Monica Mathis did a visual art titled "It could happen....To a car," and "It could happen....To a museum." Ben Orris did story in literature titled "The Horkans....It Could Happen." Virginia Hoff did a story in literature titled "The Genie Inside of Me." Vir-

ginia Hoff's story also won at Area Council level and went on to District 22 level.

Frohardt Elementary School also announced Young Author's winners.

The following nine students wrote the winning stories: Chelsy Butler wrote "The Penguin and the Unicorn." Ray Geroff wrote "The Big Red Sled Finds a New Home." Monica Mathis wrote "Ms. Waxman the Meanest Teacher Ever." Billy Rollins wrote "Learning Lessons." Emily Settlemyer wrote "The Ugly Flower." Joseph Warchol wrote "Rosebud." Kelsey West wrote "Through the Years." Antoine Whitfield wrote "The Elephant Nobody Liked".

The winners of the Young Author contest at Frohardt were awarded a T-shirt and certificate. Some spent a morning at Madison County Young Authors Conference. It was held April 26 at Webster School in Collinsville. All those that attended had a great time working with all the other winners from Madison County.



Young Author's winners were, left to right: Ray Geroff, Billy Rollins, Kasey West, Antoine Whitfield, Monica Mathis, Joseph Warchol. Not pictured are Chelsy Butler, Megan Stovall and Emily Settlemyer. At left, Geography Bee winners Jarred Doolittle and Ben Orris.

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